

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MAYOR: Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

COUNCILORS: David L. Romero
Joey Herrera
Tonita Gurule-Giroñ
Vincent Howell – Absent

ALSO PRESENT: Elmer J. Martinez – City Manager
Casandra Fresquez – City Clerk
Dave Romero – City Attorney
Juan Montano – Sergeant at Arms

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for a moment of silence to reflect on several encouraging thoughts of having an attitude of gratitude, of being people of integrity, to always speak the truth, to stand for justice and always try to encourage others.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ made a motion to approve the agenda as is. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Joey Herrera	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Tonita Gurule-Giroñ	Yes	Vincent Howell	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Herrera made a motion to approve the minutes for October 8th, October 21st and October 27, 2015. Councilor Gurule-Giroñ seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David L. Romero	Yes	Tonita Gurule-Giroñ	Yes
Joey Herrera	Yes	Vincent Howell	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. reported that he would be meeting with New Mexico State Engineer Blain and Department of Finance Administration Secretary Clifford, to request an extension regarding the 4 million dollars awarded to the City of Las Vegas from the Water Trust Board, due to the December 1st deadline quickly approaching.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. stated that he was confident in receiving the extension and added that Utilities Director Garcia would give a brief overview of the usage of the 10 million dollars awarded to the City of Las Vegas, two years ago.

Utilities Director Ken Garcia informed that mediation was taking place with Storrie Lake Water Users Association, with a positive outlook and mentioned there was an agreement in principal and being prepared to present to Storrie Lake attorneys by end of the week.

Utilities Director Garcia advised that several terms of the agreement included buying 2300 acre feet of storage in perpetuity, at Storrie Lake for 12 million dollars and explained that the main addition to the agreement was to also purchase 1200 acre feet of wet water, at the cost of \$300.00 dollars per acre foot for a total of \$360,000.00, prior to approval from Governing Body.

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ had concerns regarding Utilities Director Garcia discussing the terms of the agreement due to the fact of negotiations with Storrie Lake were still on-going.

Utilities Director Garcia advised that it was important to keep the Public and the Governing Body informed of the status of negotiations, and stated that basically negotiations were no longer taking place since a final form of the agreement was already in place, therefore could be discussed.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. thanked Councilor Gurule-Giroñ for her concern of the legal issue however informed that they have moved forward with negotiations and felt that the public should be informed of status of negotiations and thanked Council for their support in the proposal by means of the many changes that had taken place regarding negotiations.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. expressed the importance of the additional storage and stated that it would be the best investment the City of Las Vegas could make.

City Manager Martinez requested that Utilities Director Garcia point out how the 14 million dollars would take part in Bradner improvements.

Utilities Director Garcia advised that an additional benefit would be to continue with the storage permit for 2300 acre feet at Bradner, depending on funding. Utilities Director Garcia spoke briefly regarding the benefits of storing effluent water, utilizing the future improvements of water treatment technology and how it would benefit irrigation and other users with available water.

City Manager Martinez stated that the 14 million dollars would allow the City to move forward with Bradner improvements.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. informed that one of the commitments included in the agreement was that Storrie Lake would not protest the 2300 acre feet storage at Bradner, if the City chose to pursue the 2300 acre feet in the future.

Utilities Director Garcia explained that the City did not have the financial capacity to take out a 20 million dollar loan for Bradner and to finance the agreement with Storrie Lake; therefore the City had to make the decision of where the funding would be used.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked Utilities Director to explain the meaning of "inlet/outlet".

Utilities Director Garcia clarified that the water that was diverted in from the river through the inlet at the bottom of the reservoir, where clay and debris settle, allowing it to decompose and deteriorate the water quality.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. had a question regarding the quality of water, at the time that the water was emptied from Bradner Dam.

Utilities Director Garcia informed that the water was unusable at the time that Bradner Dam was emptied. Utilities Director Garcia briefly discussed the importance of addressing the repairs with the remaining 14 million dollar funding, which would include reconfiguring ways that allow water to be taken from different levels to avoid taking water from the bottom of the reservoir, avoiding turbidity and poor quality water.

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ asked what the key factors were as regards to what prompted State Engineer to mandate negotiations with the City of Las Vegas.

Utilities Director Garcia advised that with any disagreement, the best option was to find terms that are acceptable to both parties therefore the State Engineer felt it was best to order

mediation, to bring in neutral parties which helped the negotiations, also avoiding attorney's expenses as well.

Councilor Gurule-Giron had question on the mediation team regarding the negotiations and if there was legal counsel involved.

Utilities Director Garcia informed that four parties were involved in the mediation, each party was represented, mediation was also included and that legal council was involved in the mediation process.

PUBLIC INPUT

AFCME Local 2851 President, Floyd Lovato made an introduction of the newly elected union board and discussed the hopes of moving forward with collaborating with the City of Las Vegas and briefly discussed the goals of AFSCME Local 2851.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. expressed how important it was for the City to work jointly with the Union and negotiate fairly regarding union and employee concerns.

Bob Wessely expressed his thoughts regarding the Storrie Lake Water Storage and recommended that the City of Las Vegas look carefully and cautiously at any solution that comes out of the mediation and advised that any proposed solutions may come with tradeoffs and many uncertainties. Mr. Wessely recognized the eagerness of the City of Las Vegas regarding the Storage and Water Enhancement Program moving ahead however made the recommendation to the City, of not being too eager and suggested to subject to any proposed approach to detailed scrutiny.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. stated that he had great confidence in the negotiation team and was grateful for the support of the Governing Body and informed that many options are being considered when making decisions regarding the Storrie Lake Water Storage mediation.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Martinez gave a brief update on events taking place regarding the Electric Light Parade and advised that MainStreet took over the duties of the parade this year however that the City is working very closely with them.

City Manager Martinez advised Council of a retreat being planned for the second week of December that would involve presentations from Department Directors to Council, reporting projects and initiatives within their departments.

City Manager Martinez added that the media would be invited to the retreat to allow to present information out to the community pertaining to the status of projects and the opportunity to present it in an open session.

City Manager Martinez wished Mayor and Council, City Employees and the entire community a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. gave a brief overview of the Mayor's Community Initiative Fund, and thanked Department Directors and their employees for their contributions which aided in giving out Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets to the community.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń had a question regarding the previously approved annexation and how the incorporation of the MDF and County areas would be handled.

City Manager Martinez informed that the City of Las Vegas reached out to San Miguel County to be part of the petition but they did not include themselves in the petition. City Manager Martinez informed that the City would go through the Boundary Commission method which is appointed by the State of New Mexico in order to hear the City's application for certain areas that would like to be annexed.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń asked what the time frame was for the application process.

City Manager Martinez explained that the petition would be submitted to the State along with the wait for the appointment of a Boundary Commission and added that a cost would be associated which would be budgeted into next year's financial plan.

FINANCE REPORT

City Manager Martinez advised that Finance Director Ann Marie Gallegos was attending a Local Government Conference and reported that Deputy Finance Director Tana Vega would be presenting the Finance Report.

Deputy Finance Director Vega presented the finance report for the month of October 2015. Deputy Finance Director Vega informed that the revenue for the General Fund was at thirty percent, with property taxes being down due to property taxes coming in December and January and advised that expenditures came in at twenty nine percent.

Deputy Finance Director Vega informed that the Recreation Department revenue was thirty seven percent; expenditures were thirty seven percent and reported that Enterprise Funds revenues came in at twenty six percent, explaining that the gas percentage was low because of low gas usage and expenditures were at twenty eight percent.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń had a question regarding the GRT hold harmless still being included on the budget report.

Deputy Finance Director Vega explained that it was still included on the report, in the case of the State eventually drawing out from our GRT proceeds and advised that the State had not determined when they would start implementing withholding the hold harmless GRT.

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ asked several questions pertaining to the Airport expenditures.

Deputy Finance Director Vega explained that reflected in the Airport expenditures are purchases of jet fuel and advised they have not been sold but awaiting the sale which would occur within ninety days.

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ had questions about the Salary Contingency on the budget report.

Deputy Finance Director Vega informed that it was budgeted and intended for salary pay outs used for Department Directors.

CONSENT AGENDA

City Manager Martinez took the opportunity to explain to the public, that Business Items on the Consent Agenda were heard by the Governing Body and discussed in great detail during the Work Session and are recommended by Council to be placed on Consent Agenda.

City Clerk Fresquez read the Consent Agenda Business Items into the record which included Business Items 1 through 5.

1. Approval of Out of state travel for Ben Maynes, Building Inspector/Floodplain Manager, for the Certified Building Official Technology Module Part 2 course in Englewood, Colorado.
2. Approval to award Request for Proposals (RFP) #2016-12 for graphic design and promotional services to Cisneros Design, Inc.
3. Approval of Resolution #15-55 requesting application to the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division for a Certified Local Government Grant for the amount of \$10,000 to address immediate concerns at the Old City Hall/Formal PD building, located at the corner of 6th and University.

Resolution 15-55 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS
Resolution No. 15-55**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE NEW MEXICO HISTORIC PRESERVATION
DIVISION FOR A CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT (CLG)**

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas was designated a Certified Local Government in 1986, and the designation made state and federal preservation funds available on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, since that time the City of Las Vegas has applied for Certified Local Government grant monies to implement a variety of preservation related projects; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division has \$35,000 in additional funds available for Certified Local Government communities and has issued a Notice of Grant Availability to Certified Local Governments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas Community Development Department recently completed a Structural Assessment/Feasibility Study of the East Las Vegas City Hall (Old City Hall) building under a Certified Local Government Grant and wishes to apply for additional funds to begin addressing the immediate hazards that were identified; and

WHEREAS, the application deadline is October 30, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS that the City of Las Vegas hereby authorizes application to the New Mexico Preservation Division for a Certified Local Government grant.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED by the governing body at its meeting of _____, 2015.

Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

4. Approval of Resolution #15-54 authorizing submission of an application for funding assistance to the United States Environment Protection Agency Brownfields Program.

Resolution 15-54 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS
RESOLUTION NO. 15-54**

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING AND PROJECT APPROVAL TO THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas is a qualified entity under the Code of Federal Regulations Title 40 Part 31 and the Governing Body is authorized to request funds for financing of the Brownfields Assessment for benefit of the Borrower and the public; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has instituted a program for financing of projects identified as "Brownfields", and has developed an application procedure whereby the Governing Body may submit an application ("Application") for financial assistance from the Authority for assessment of identified Brownfields; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body intends to undertake construction and improvement of the Gallinas River Park for the benefit of the Borrower and its residents; and

WHEREAS the application prescribed by the EPA will be submitted to the EPA for its consideration and review as required as part of the Application.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS:

That the officers and employees of the Governing Body are hereby directed and requested to submit the Application to the EPA for its review and are further authorized to take such other action as may be requested by the EPA in its consideration and review of the Application and to further proceed with arrangements for financing the Project.

All acts and resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby rescinded, annulled, and repealed.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST: _____

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY ONLY

Dave Romero Jr., City Attorney

5. Approval to award request for bids #2016-19 for Miox Salt (table grade salt) for the Water Treatment Plant to DPC Industries.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as read into record. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Tonita Gurule-Giroñ	Yes	Joey Herrera	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	Vincent Howell	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Conduct a Public Hearing and Approval/Disapproval to adopt Ordinance #15-11 authorizing the execution and delivery of a loan agreement between the City of Las Vegas and the New Mexico Finance Authority.

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ made a motion to move into Public Hearing. Councilor Herrera seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David L. Romero	Yes	Tonita Gurule-Giroñ	Yes
Joey Herrera	Yes	Vincent Howell	Absent

City Clerk Frequez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

City Attorney Dave Romero asked anyone who wished to speak on the issue, to stand and be sworn in. Elmer Martinez and Tana Vega were sworn in.

Deputy Finance Director Vega advised that the City of Las Vegas was awarded a loan from the New Mexico Finance Authority for the purpose of financing the renovation, rehabilitation and repair of the Abe Montoya Recreation Center. The principal amount being, \$2,801,121.00. Ordinance #15-11 was published on November 1, 2015.

City Manager Martinez reminded Council that on October 21st, they had given direction to publish the ordinance and had already discussed the Business Item in detail and therefore they were requesting a Public Hearing in order to give authorization to move forward with the adoption to finalize the loan.

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ made a motion to accept record proper and to close Public Hearing. Councilor Herrera seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Joey Herrera	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Tonita Gurule-Giroñ	Yes	Vincent Howell	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ made a motion to reconvene into Regular Session. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Tonita Gurule-Giroñ	Yes	Joey Herrera	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	Vincent Howell	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ made a motion to Approve to adopt Ordinance #15-11 authorizing the execution and delivery of a loan agreement between the City of Las Vegas and the New Mexico Finance Authority. Councilor Herrera seconded the motion.

Ordinance 15-11 was presented as follows:

Due to length of document, a complete copy may be obtained at the City of Las Vegas City Clerk's Office.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Tonita Gurule-Giroñ	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Joey Herrera	Yes	Vincent Howell	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

2. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution #15-56, 2016 Election Resolution (English and Spanish).

City Clerk Fresquez advised that as per§3-826 An Election Resolution must be adopted by the Governing body 112-84 days prior to an election.

City Clerk Casandra Fresquez read the Resolution #15-56 into the record.

City Clerk Fresquez informed that while previously attending Election Training, they learned that the Secretary of State's Office had contracted with Dominion Voting Systems which differs from the company used before however, explained that the tabulators worked in the same method; by auto vote, which is ballot on demand. City Clerk Fresquez added that they were used for the 2014 General Election and informed that the same electronic tabulators would be used for the 2016 City Election.

City Clerk Fresquez advised that Candidate Packets would be available by mid December, if prepared sooner they would be handed out earlier and informed that applications would be available after ordering supplies, which would take place after the Election Resolution was passed, once passed it would be sent to Secretary of State and County Clerk.

City Clerk Fresquez informed that both high school gyms would remain as the voting centers and added that they were very cost effective in the prior election, spending \$25,000 combined with regular election and the run-off, which normally would be spent on one election.

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ had concerns regarding the annexation and how it would affect the wards.

City Clerk Fresquez advised that after filing with the County, and after reviewing the revised map, the annexation would only affect Ward 3 and informed that it would not affect any other ward due to only redistricting once every ten years.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń asked what precincts in Ward 3 would be affected by the annexation and how many voters would be included.

City Clerk Fresquez advised that she would obtain the information regarding the precincts to Councilor Gurule-Giroń at a later time and informed that she was not certain but believed that there were between 10 and 15 households in the area. City Clerk Fresquez explained that San Miguel County would add the eligible voters to their voter roll and stated that the County would notify the eligible voters.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń asked if a survey or audit had been completed concerning election information, prior to the consideration of the annexation.

City Clerk Fresquez advised that no audits or surveys were completed regarding the election.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. made the suggestion of getting as much information regarding the election, out to the public as well as to candidates, via the newspaper and radio announcements.

City Clerk Fresquez advised that many calls received from the public had already been addressed and reassured that Public Service Announcements, radio announcements and information published in the newspaper would take place and informed that the City Clerk's Office would be available to the public regarding any questions or concerns about the election.

City Clerk Fresquez stated that on behalf of the City Clerk's Office, a fair and impartial election would be administered.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń asked if a weekend would be available to the public for early voting.

City Clerk Fresquez advised that a weekend for early voting was being worked into the schedule.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to approve of Resolution #15-56, 2016 Election Resolution (English and Spanish). Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Resolution 15-56 was presented as follows:

ELECTION RESOLUTION

CITY OF LAS VEGAS

Resolution No. 15-56

Be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Las Vegas that:

- A. A regular municipal election for the election of municipal officers shall be held on March 1, 2016. Polls will open at 7:00 A.M and close 7:00 P.M.
- B. At the regular municipal election, persons shall be elected to fill the following elective offices:
 - 1. One (1) Mayor for a four (4) year term.
 - 2. Ward 2 – One, (1) Councilor for a four (4) year term.
 - Ward 3 – One, (1) Councilor for a four (4) year term.
- C. In accordance with NMSA 1978 §3-8-10, the following precincts are consolidated for the regular municipal election:

CP01: Consists of precincts 27, 4B, 26, 3B, 4A, 5.2, 28, 25, 5.1, 6, 2, 7, 3A, 1, 8, 11
- D. The following locations are designated as polling places for the conduct of the regular municipal election:
 - 1. Robertson High School Michael Marr Gymnasium, 1238 4th Street
 - 2. West Las Vegas “Gillie Lopez” Gymnasium, 157 Moreno Street
- E. Absentee Voting. Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained only from the office of the Municipal Clerk. All applications for an absentee ballot must be completed and accepted by the Municipal Clerk prior to 5:00 p.m., February 26, 2016. After 5:00 p.m. on February 26, 2016, all unused absentee ballots will be publicly destroyed by the Municipal Clerk. The Municipal Clerk will accept completed absentee ballots delivered by mail, or in person by the voter casting the absentee ballot, by a member of the voters’ immediate family, or by the caregiver of the voter, until 7:00 p.m. on March 1, 2016.

Absentee ballots may be marked in person in the office of the Municipal Clerk during the regular hours and days of business, beginning on Tuesday January 26, 2016 and closing at 5:00 p.m. on February 26, 2016.

Early Voting. Early voting on paper ballots counted by electronic vote tabulator will be conducted in the office of the Municipal Clerk during the regular hours and days of business, beginning on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 and closing at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2016.

- F. Persons desiring to register at the regular municipal election must register with the County Clerk of San Miguel County not later than Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 5:00 p.m., the date on which the County Clerk will close registration books.
- G. All Declarations of Candidacy shall be filed with the Municipal Clerk on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.
- H. The casting of votes by qualified electors shall be recorded on electronic tabulators.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 18th day of November, 2015.

Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz Jr.

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

Spanish version of Resolution 15-56 may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Joey Herrera	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes	Vincent Howell	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

3. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution15-57, revised City of Las Vegas Safety Manual.

Safety Officer Gilbert Martinez advised that the Safety Department of the City of Las Vegas along with the Safety Committee members and liaisons have updated and revised the previous employee safety manual to reflect OSHA requirements.

Safety Officer Gilbert Martinez thanked the employees and the Safety Committees for their input in putting the Safety Manual together and also for the support from City Manager Martinez and Department Directors.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń asked if the City had hired a consultant to help in revising the Safety manual.

Safety Officer Gilbert Martinez advised that a consultant was not hired for the Safety Manual revision and clarified that the experience that the City had with OSHA issues, information from many employees, and the OSHA 30 Construction Industries Manual all contributed to the restructured manual.

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ asked Safety Officer Martinez to inform of the key updates and changes made to the manual.

Safety Officer Martinez informed that some of the key changes were in Trenching and Excavation, Airport, Line locates, Streets and Safety Department.

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ had questions on the subject of trenching and excavation equipment.

Safety Officer Martinez informed that a yearly training is required for City employees and consists of an intense 8 hour training course for the use of trenching and excavation equipment, with a Certificate awarded indicating that they have passed the course.

Councilor Herrera commended Safety Officer Martinez on the lengthy and painstaking task of revising the safety manual and keeping the safety in mind of all City Staff, the City of Las Vegas and those in the surrounding areas and encouraged City employees to carefully read the manual.

Safety Officer Martinez advised that the Safety Manual would be submitted to OSHA and informed that Safety Liasons would be reviewing the Safety manual with City employees at weekly safety meetings.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. commended Safety Officer Martinez for the attention to detail regarding the revised Safety Manual and for all that he has done to help City employees and the City of Las Vegas.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to approve Resolution 15-57, revised City of Las Vegas Safety Manual. Councilor Gurule-Giroñ seconded the motion.

Resolution 15-57 was presented as follows:

City of Las Vegas
Resolution No. 15-57

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS SAFETY MANUAL; REPEALING AND REPLACING ALL PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas is empowered under the City Charter to provide municipal services within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the City of Las Vegas to provide these public services in a manner which promotes the health, safety and welfare of its employees, citizens and the protection of public and private property; and

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas is establishing procedures to achieve the above goals; and

WHEREAS, a Safety Manual has been developed in accordance with Code of Federal Regulations and OSHA, AWWA standards to assure that safe work conditions are promoted; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Governing Body of the City of Las Vegas hereby adopts by Resolution the City of Las Vegas Safety Manual and directs that it be distributed to all employees;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all prior Resolutions and Safety Manuals are hereby repealed

PASSED APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City of Las Vegas Governing Body this ____ day of _____, 2015.

Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST:_____

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

REVIEWED AND APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY ONLY:

Dave Romero Jr., City Attorney

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David L. Romero	Yes	Joey Herrera	Yes
Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes	Vincent Howell	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

City Manager Martinez thanked Safety Officer Martinez for the extensive amount of work he put into the revision of the Safety Manual, with the outcome of an excellent product.

COUNCILOR'S REPORTS

Councilor Gurule-Giroń took the opportunity to express her wishes to her colleagues, audience members, City Staff and constituents, a Happy Thanksgiving and to enjoy their time with family.

Councilor Herrera wished everyone a safe Thanksgiving and added a reminder of not to drink and drive. Councilor Herrera informed that the Governing Body would be participating in a gift exchange this Christmas season as a part of a way to end the year and to demonstrate that they can share with each other, put the past behind them and open their hearts to the future.

Councilor Romero took the opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. wished the entire community, all City employees and everyone throughout the world a safe and Happy Thanksgiving and also hoped for world peace.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Ortiz, Jr. recommended going into Executive Session to discuss one item regarding personnel issues.

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ made a motion to go into Executive Session. Councilor Herrera seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Tonita Gurule-Giroñ	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Joey Herrera	Yes	Vincent Howell	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to exit Executive Session and advised that no decisions were made and that only personnel matters were discussed. Councilor Gurule-Giroñ seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Joey Herrera	Yes	Tonita Gurule-Giroñ	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	Vincent Howell	Absent

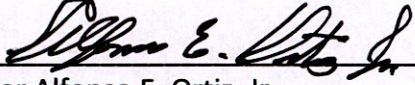
City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

ADJOURN

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Herrera seconded the motion. Mayor Ortiz, Jr. asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

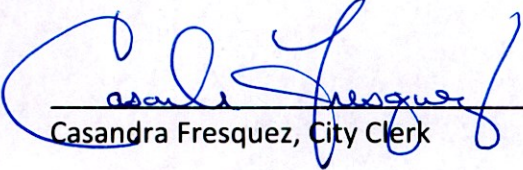
David L. Romero	Yes	Joey Herrera	Yes
Tonita Gurule-Giroñ	Yes	Vincent Howell	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.



Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk